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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 1230 EDT)

1. New trouble is likely to develop between Israel and Jordan in connection with the Israeli enclave on Jerusalem's Mt. Scopus which is occupied by "police." The Jordanian cabinet reportedly decided on 30 May that no further Israeli relief convoys to the enclave would be allowed to pass through the Mandelbaum Gate. The next convoy is scheduled for 6 June, and an incident may well occur at that time.

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2. A clash occurred today between an Israeli patrol and a group of Syrians approximately one kilometer inside the Israeli border. According to Israeli radio reports, one Syrian and two Israelis were killed in the incident. The saboteurs were described as members of the Syrian Palestinian Commandos.

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3. On May 31 President Arif of Iraq released Arif Abd al-Razzaq and his co-conspirators in the abortive pro-Nasirist coup attempt of last June. This action is probably intended to show solidarity with Nasir and may be the result of Egyptian Vice-President Muhi al-Din's visit to Baghdad. Meanwhile, rumors of another cabinet change are circulating in Baghdad. The cabinet formed

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last month was probably interpreted in Cairo as a move against Nasir.

4. Cairo's semi-official Al-Ahram warned in its issue today that Egypt will close the Suez Canal to the ships of any nation that tries to break its blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba by force. The paper said nations breaking the blockade would be branded as aggressors.

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6. There is no new information to change the conclusions of the Watch Committee meeting of 31 May which indicate that Israeli and Arab forces remain at a high state of readiness but that diplomatic initiatives have temporarily delayed a showdown.

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